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In the application of: )  
Paul R. Dansreau ) Examiner: Clark F. Dexter  
Title: LUBRICATING SHAVING ASSEMBLY )  
Serial No.: 09/576,269 ) Group Art Unit: 3724  
Filed On: May 22, 2000 ) (Our Docket No.: PC11680A-US)

Hartford, Connecticut, July 30, 2002

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

S I R:

This is a Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment based on apparent loss of Response to Restriction Requirement within the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application.

Attached hereto is a Declaration by Raymond D. Thompson, attorney of record in the above-identified matter, stating the facts as they are known to him.

Also attached are copies of a Restriction Requirement (Appendix A), Response to Restriction Requirement (Appendix B), the unstamped return postcard receipt for the Response prior to its mailing to the PTO (Appendix C), the stamped return postcard receipt for the Response after being mailed back from the PTO (Appendix D), and a Notice of Abandonment (Appendix E).

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DECLARATION OF RAYMOND D. THOMPSON IN SUPPORT OF  
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S I R:

This is a Declaration in support of the Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment in connection with the above-identified patent application based on the apparent loss of Response to Restriction Requirement within the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The sequence of events is as follows:

1. My name is Raymond D. Thompson. I am Senior Patent Counsel in the Patent Department/ Legal Division of Pfizer Inc., the parent company of Warner-Lambert Company, the assignee of the above-identified patent application. I am also an attorney of record in the above-identified matter.
2. The above-identified application was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter referred to as "PTO") on May 22, 2000.

3. We received a communication (hereinafter referred to as "Restriction Requirement") from the PTO dated September 20, 2001 requiring applicant to elect for prosecution one of several enumerated inventions set forth in the Restriction Requirement. The Restriction Requirement set a one month shortened statutory period for responding (i.e., expiration date is October 20, 2001) from the mailing date of the Restriction Requirement. A copy of the Restriction Requirement is attached as Appendix A to this Petition.

4. I filed a communication in the PTO (hereinafter "Response to Restriction Requirement") in which I elected with traverse to prosecute one of the inventions enumerated in the Restriction Requirement. The Response to Restriction Requirement includes a certificate of mailing by first class mail stating the date of deposit as October 18, 2001. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.8, the Response to Restriction Requirement is considered as timely filed with the PTO on October 18, 2001. A copy of the Response to Restriction Requirement is attached as Appendix B to this Petition.

5. We received the return postcard receipt stamped as being received in the PTO on January 26, 2002. The delay in being received is apparently the result of processing delays at the post office because of the recent anthrax scare. The stamped return postcard receipt is slightly damaged because of the postal service processing. Nevertheless, the stamped return postcard was in good enough condition to be returned to us. A copy of the return postcard receipt prior to being mailed with the Response to Restriction Requirement is attached as Appendix C to this Petition. In addition, a copy of both sides of the stamped return postcard receipt is attached as Appendix D to this Petition.

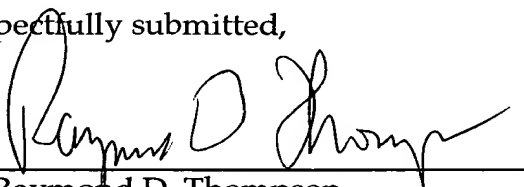
6. We recently received a Notice of Abandonment dated July 2, 2002 stating that the above-identified patent application is abandoned in view of applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office Action (i.e., Restriction Requirement) mailed on September 20, 2001. A copy of the Notice of Abandonment is attached as Appendix E to this Petition.

7. Applicant is timely filing this Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment within two months of the Notice of Abandonment in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 711.03(c) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(f).

8. In view of Applicant's timely filing of a Response to Restriction Requirement on October 18, 2001, the above-identified patent application was not abandoned for failure to reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed on September 20, 2001. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Holding of Abandonment of the above-identified patent application be withdrawn pursuant to MPEP § 711.03(c).

Respectfully submitted,

By



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Patent Application  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: **PAUL R. DANSREAU**

APPLICATION NO.: **09/576,269**

FILING DATE: **05/22/2000**

TITLE: **LUBRICATING SHAVING ASSEMBLY**

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: Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned

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RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

A restriction requirement was applied delineating Groups I-VIII. Applicants hereby provisionally elect with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-4, 25-29, 32, 35, 36, 42, 45-48 drawn to a shaving assembly with a specific lubrication applying configuration.

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Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX B

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Date Mailed: 10/18/2001 Express Mail No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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APPENDIX C





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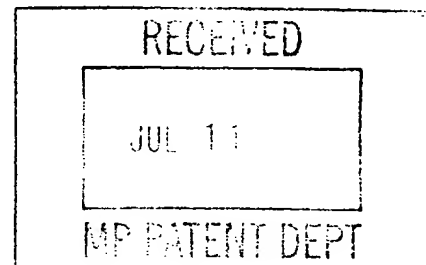
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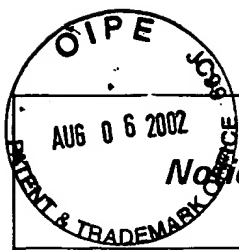


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APPENDIX E





## Notice of Abandonment

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This application is abandoned in view of:

1. ☒ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on Sep 20, 2001.
  - (a) ☐ A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s)) which expired on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ A proposed reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113(a) to the final rejection.

(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
  - (c) ☐ A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).
  - (d) ☒ No reply has been received.
2. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
  - (a) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
  - (b) ☐ The submitted issue fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is insufficient. A balance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is due.

The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$ \_\_\_\_\_. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d) is \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - (c) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
  - (a) ☐ Proposed new formal drawings were received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
  - (b) ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.
4. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
6. ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on \_\_\_\_\_ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
7. ☐ The reason(s) below:

  
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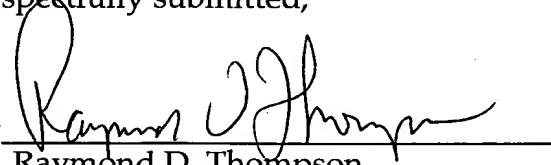
Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Holding of Abandonment of the above-identified application be withdrawn.

No fee is believed to be due for filing this Petition. However, if it is determined that a fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

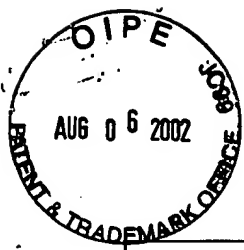
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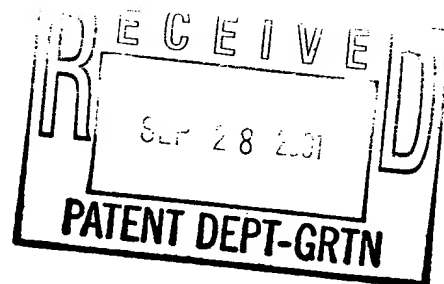
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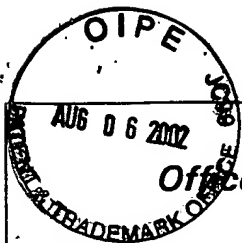
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**APPENDIX A**



## Office Action Summary

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-51 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claims 1-51 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

### Attachment(s)

- 15) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 17) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 20) ☐ Other:

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Election/Restriction*

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
  - I. Claims 1, 2, 25-29, 32, 42, 43, 45, 3, 4, 35, 36 and 46-48, drawn to a shaving assembly with a specific lubrication applying configuration, classified in class 30, subclass 41.
  - II. Claims 1, 2, 25-29, 32, 42, 43, 45 and 5-7, drawn to a shaving assembly with a specific razor blade retaining configuration, classified in class 30, subclass 51.
  - III. Claims 1, 2, 25-29, 32, 42, 43, 45 and 8-12, drawn to a shaving assembly with a razor blade guard configuration, classified in class 30, subclass 77.
  - IV. Claims 1, 2, 25-29, 32, 42, 43, 45, 8, 9 and 14, drawn to a shaving assembly with a specific razor blade orientation, classified in class 30, subclass 50.
  - V. Claims 1, 2, 25-29, 32, 42, 43, 45, 8 and 13, drawn to a shaving assembly with a specific blade configuration, classified in class 30, subclass 346.5.
  - VI. Claims 1, 2, 25-29, 32, 42, 43, 45, 8 and 15, drawn to a shaving assembly with a specific razor cartridge configuration, classified in class 30, subclass 58.
  - VII. Claims 1, 2, 25-29, 32, 42, 43, 45, 16-24, 37-41 and 49-51, drawn to a shaving assembly with a specific dispenser actuation configuration, classified in class 30, subclass 535.

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VIII. Claims 1, 2, 25-29, 32, 42, 43, 45, 30 and 31, drawn to a shaving assembly with a specific body material, classified in class 30, subclass 32.

2. Claims 1-31 have been restricted such that the patentability of the invention is presumed to lie in the details of the particular group (e.g. the lubrication applying configuration of Group I). It is noted that if claim 1 as originally filed is determined to be patentable, rejoinder of claims 1-31 will be considered. The same applies to claims 32 and 45 with respect to the claims dependent therefrom. It is further noted that claims 1, 32 and 45 are listed as part of groups I-VIII but are not considered to be part of any of these groups. Rather, claims 1, 32 and 45 recite subject matter that is common to these groups and has been shown as part of each group for clarity (i.e., so that it is clear which claims are part of which group). Further, because claims 1, 32 and 45 include subject matter which is common to these groups, they are not considered to be independent or distinct from any of groups I-VIII and thus will be examined with the elected group upon election of one of these groups.

3. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Group I vs Groups II-VIII

4. Inventions of groups I and II are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group I does not require the specific details of the razor blade retaining configuration of group II for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group I, and the invention

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of group II does not require the specific details of the lubrication applying configuration of group I for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group II.

5. Inventions of groups I and III are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group I does not require the specific details of the razor blade guard configuration of group III for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group I, and the invention of group III does not require the specific details of the lubrication applying configuration of group I for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group III.

6. Inventions of groups I and IV are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group I does not require the specific details of the razor blade orientation of group IV for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group I, and the invention of group IV does not require the specific details of the lubrication applying configuration of group I for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group IV.

7. Inventions of groups I and V are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group I does not require the specific details of the blade configuration of group V for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group I, and the invention of group V does not require the specific details of the lubrication applying configuration of group I for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group V.

8. Inventions of groups I and VI are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group I does not require the specific details of the razor blade cartridge configuration of group VI for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group I, and the invention

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of group VI does not require the specific details of the lubrication applying configuration of group I for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group VI.

9. Inventions of groups I and VII are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group I does not require the specific details of the dispenser actuation configuration of group VII for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group I, and the invention of group VII does not require the specific details of the lubrication applying configuration of group I for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group VII.

10. Inventions of groups I and VIII are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group I does not require the specific details of the body material of group VIII for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group I, and the invention of group VIII does not require the specific details of the lubrication applying configuration of group I for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group VIII.

Group II vs Groups III-VIII

11. Inventions of groups II and III are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group II does not require the specific details of the razor blade guard configuration of group III for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group II, and the invention of group III does not require the specific details of the razor blade retaining configuration of group II for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group III.



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12. Inventions of groups II and IV are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group II does not require the specific details of the razor blade orientation of group IV for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group II, and the invention of group IV does not require the specific details of the razor blade retaining configuration of group II for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group IV.

13. Inventions of groups II and V are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group II does not require the specific details of the blade configuration of group V for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group II, and the invention of group V does not require the specific details of the razor blade retaining configuration of group II for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group V.

14. Inventions of groups II and VI are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group II does not require the specific details of the razor blade cartridge configuration of group VI for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group II, and the invention of group VI does not require the specific details of the razor blade retaining configuration of group II for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group VI.

15. Inventions of groups II and VII are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group II does not require the specific details of the dispenser actuation configuration of group VII for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group II, and the invention of group VII does not require the specific details of the razor blade retaining configuration of group II for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group VII.

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16. Inventions of groups II and VIII are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group II does not require the specific details of the body material of group VIII for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group II, and the invention of group VIII does not require the specific details of the razor blade retaining configuration of group II for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group VIII.

Group III vs Groups IV-VIII

17. Inventions of groups III and IV are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group III does not require the specific details of the razor blade orientation of group IV for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group III, and the invention of group IV does not require the specific details of the razor blade guard configuration of group III for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group IV.

18. Inventions of groups III and V are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group III does not require the specific details of the blade configuration of group V for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group III, and the invention of group V does not require the specific details of the razor blade guard configuration of group III for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group V.

19. Inventions of groups III and VI are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group III does not require the specific details of the razor blade cartridge configuration of group VI for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group III,

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and the invention of group VI does not require the specific details of the razor blade guard configuration of group III for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group VI.

20. Inventions of groups III and VII are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group III does not require the specific details of the dispenser actuation configuration of group VII for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group III, and the invention of group VII does not require the specific details of the razor blade guard configuration of group III for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group VII.

21. Inventions of groups III and VIII are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group III does not require the specific details of the body material of group VIII for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group III, and the invention of group VIII does not require the specific details of the razor blade guard configuration of group III for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group VIII.

#### Group IV vs Groups V-VIII

22. Inventions of groups IV and V are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group IV does not require the specific details of the blade configuration of group V for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group IV, and the invention of group V does not require the specific details of the razor blade orientation of group IV for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group V.

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23. Inventions of groups IV and VI are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group IV does not require the specific details of the razor blade cartridge configuration of group VI for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group IV, and the invention of group VI does not require the specific details of the razor blade orientation of group IV for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group VI.

24. Inventions of groups IV and VII are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group IV does not require the specific details of the dispenser actuation configuration of group VII for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group IV, and the invention of group VII does not require the specific details of the specific details of the razor blade orientation of group IV for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group VII.

25. Inventions of groups IV and VIII are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group IV does not require the specific details of the body material of group VIII for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group IV, and the invention of group VIII does not require the specific details of the razor blade orientation of group IV for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group VIII.

Group V vs Groups VI-VIII

26. Inventions of groups V and VI are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group V does not require the specific details of the razor blade cartridge

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configuration of group VI for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group V, and the invention of group VI does not require the specific details of the blade configuration of group V for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group VI.

27. Inventions of groups V and VII are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group V does not require the specific details of the dispenser actuation configuration of group VII for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group V, and the invention of group VII does not require the specific details of the blade configuration of group V for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group VII.

28. Inventions of groups V and VIII are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group V does not require the specific details of the body material of group VIII for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group V, and the invention of group VIII does not require the specific details of the blade configuration of group V for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group VIII.

Group VI vs Groups VII-VIII

29. Inventions of groups VI and VII are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group VI does not require the specific details of the dispenser actuation configuration of group VII for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group VI, and the invention of group VII does not require the specific details of the razor blade cartridge configuration of group VI for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group VII.

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30. Inventions of groups VI and VIII are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group VI does not require the specific details of the body material of group VIII for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group VI, and the invention of group VIII does not require the specific details of the razor blade cartridge configuration of group VI for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group VIII.

Group VII vs Group VIII

31. Inventions of groups VII and VIII are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group VII does not require the specific details of the body material of group VIII for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group VII, and the invention of group VIII does not require the specific details of the dispenser actuation configuration of group VII for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group VIII.

32. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

33. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

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34. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(I).

35. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark Dexter whose telephone number is (703) 308-1404.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Rinaldi Rada, can be reached at (703)308-2187.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1148. The fax numbers for this group are: formal papers - (703)305-3579; informal/draft papers - (703)305-9835.



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**Attachment for PTO-948 (Rev. 03/01, or earlier)**  
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**The below text replaces the pre-printed text under the heading, "Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes," on the back of the PTO-948 (Rev. 03/01, or earlier) form.**

**INFORMATION ON HOW TO EFFECT DRAWING CHANGES**

**1. Correction of Informalities -- 37 CFR 1.85**

New corrected drawings must be filed with the changes incorporated therein. Identifying indicia, if provided, should include the title of the invention, inventor's name, and application number, or docket number (if any) if an application number has not been assigned to the application. If this information is provided, it must be placed on the front of each sheet and centered within the top margin. If corrected drawings are required in a Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37), the new drawings **MUST** be filed within the **THREE MONTH** shortened statutory period set for reply in the Notice of Allowability. Extensions of time may **NOT** be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b) for filing the corrected drawings after the mailing of a Notice of Allowability. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

**2. Corrections other than Informalities Noted by Draftsperson on form PTO-948.**

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**Timing of Corrections**

Applicant is required to submit the drawing corrections within the time period set in the attached Office communication. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

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